

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide necessary passenger facilities along with shaded platforms at Kayamkulam station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Passenger Amenities commensurate with traffic handled at Kayamkulam station are being provided as part of Kayamkulam - Quilon doubling work, now in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

Medical Facilities in A & N Islands

4100. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have any full fledged general hospital with all modern medical facilities and specialists in various branches of medicine and surgery;

(b) if so, whether for want of specialists in several fields, many patients are either referred to Madras or Calcutta hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details of fields where specialists are not available there and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nilambur - Feroke Line

4101. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to conduct preliminary survey to construct Nilambur-Feroke railway line via Manjeri; and

(b) if so, when the survey is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This has already been started.

[Translation]

Unemployed Blind Scholars

4102. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of blind students having M. Phil and Ph.D. degree are unemployed;

(b) whether the Government propose to reserve some posts exclusively for these highly educated blinds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the other steps taken by the Government to assist such persons?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d). At present reservation of 1% is available to the visually handicapped persons in respect of direct recruitment to

identified posts in Groups C & D. However, according to the information furnished by the Department of Personnel & Training, a proposal is under their consideration to introduce reservation for physically handicapped persons, which would cover visually handicapped also, the Groups A & B posts under the Central Government.

[English]

Bridges at Moregram and Ballalpur (ER)

4103. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the road over-bridges at Moregram and Ballalpur on National Highway No. 34 have been completed;

(b) if so, when these are likely to be commissioned;

(c) if the bridges are yet to be completed whether any time bound programme for their completion has been drawn up;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) The commissioning of these overbridges will depend on the completion of the bridge approaches by the State Government.

(c) and (d). Construction of 'Bridge' proper over the tracks has already been completed by the Railway for both the road-overbridges. The bridge approaches are likely to be completed by the State Government as under

Moregram - 31.3.1992

Ballalpur - 30.6.1992

(e) Does not arise.

Implementation of decisions of Cat

4104. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise number of cases of employees decided by the Central Administrative Tribunal (Principal Branch) during the last three years;

(b) the zone-wise number of cases, out of those, have not been implemented so far;

(c) the reasons for delay in implementation of these decisions; and

(d) the time by which these are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

"Assistance to Kerala for Forest Cover"

4105. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to the Union Government for grant to increase the forest cover in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-